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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1946**
Yoshihito KAWAMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0784A
Serial No. 10/580,236 : Group Art Unit 1793
Filed May 23, 2006 : Examiner Sikyin Ip

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 19, 2008, constituting a requirement for restriction among Groups 1-18 as defined by the Examiner on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group 1, i.e. claims 1-7, 10-12 and 31. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Groups 2-18.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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